rectified and synchronized on 21.6.2001. This unit has been taken for overhauling now and is expected to resume operation by the 3rd week of September, 2001.

In the case of Badarpur Thermal Power Station, Unit No. 4 (210 MW) was closed due to annual overhauling, for better availability and sustainability of generation, *w.e.f.* 29.3.2001 to 26.4.2001. The unit resumed normal functioning *w.e.f.* 26.4.2001.

U.P.Government's agreement to buy Power from Uttaranchal at cheap rates

† 1152. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttar Pradesh had an agreement with newly created State of Uttaranchal for buying power at 0.37 paise per unit and now whether it is trying to buy power at 0.40 paise per unit in future;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Public Sector Undertaking such as NTPC provides power at Rs. 2.40 per unit at inter State level; and

(c) whether Government propose to intervene to ensure that such treatment is not meted out by Uttar Pradesh to a State which is economically weak and to establish a just and equal treatment between the interests of Uttaranchal and requirements of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Minister Energy, Government of Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) and Minister Energy, Government of Uttaranchal met on 13.3.2001. In the meeting it was *inter-alia* decided to set up a Committee comprising of Secretary (Energy), Government of Uttar Pradesh, Secretary (Energy), Government of Uttaranchal, Chairman & Managing Director, U.P. Power Corporation Limited, Chairman & Managing Director, U.P. Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited and one technical representative as may be

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

decided by the Government of Uttaranchal to make recommendations in respect of sharing of power between Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal and its pricing and other related issues, within three months. Till the Committee's recommendations are received and agreed upon, the *status quo* is to be maintained in respect of power sharing and pricing between the two States.

(b) The average rate of power supplied by NTPC from its power stations in various regions during 2000-2001 was Rs. 157.20 per KWH.

(c) Government of Uttaranchal has referred the matter of division of assets and liabilities of Power Corporation to the Government of India. The Government of India has already held one round of discussions with two States.

Controversy regarding Enron Project

1153. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to news-item titled "DNA tests show UF Government a parent of Enron Guarantee" appearing in the Economic Times, New Delhi of 15th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the details of point on which there is controversy in Enron project; and

(d) the steps Government is contemplating to resolve the controversy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India (GOI) has issued counter guarantee to Phase-I of the Dabhol Power Project on 15th September, 1994. The Dabhol Power Project was re-negotiated by the Government of Maharashtra (GOM) during 1995-96. The terms and conditions of the counter guarantee require that any amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) would require the prior written consent